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TITLE OF INVENTION MEDICAL HISTORY DOCUMENTATION SYSTEM AND METHOD

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Notice of AllowabilityApplication No.
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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course.

This communication is responsive to the Terminal Disclaimer, the extension of time, & the amendment (5/05/99).

The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-33

The drawings filed on _____ are acceptable.

Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).

All Some* None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been

received.

received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) _____.

received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

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Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPLICATION, PTO-152, which discloses that the oath or declaration is deficient. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION IS REQUIRED.

Applicant MUST submit NEW FORMAL DRAWINGS

because the originally filed drawings were declared by applicant to be informal.

including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948, attached hereto or to Paper No. 3.

including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed on _____, which has been approved by the examiner.

including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment/Comment.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the reverse side of the drawings. The drawings should be filed as a separate paper with a transmittal letter addressed to the Official Draftsperson.

Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Any response to this letter should include, in the upper right hand corner, the APPLICATION NUMBER (SERIES CODE/SERIAL NUMBER). If applicant has received a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due, the ISSUE BATCH NUMBER and DATE of the NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE should also be included.

Attachment(s)

- Notice of References Cited, PTO-892
- Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). _____
- Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948
- Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152
- Interview Summary, PTO-413
- Examiner's Amendment/Comment
- Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
- Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

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DETAILED ACTION

1. This Office Action is the answer to the communication received on 05/05/99 (the Terminal Disclaimer, the extension of time, & the amendment).
2. Claims **1-33** are pending in this application.

Drawings

3. Need to make corrections from the draftsperson suggestions.

Allowable Subject Matter and Reasons for Allowance

4. The independent claims **1, 2, 7, 17, 21, and 22** are allowable over the prior arts of cited record because they include a modified limitation in the claimed apparatus/method for a medical history documentation system/method, comprising a means/(step of operating that means):

- a transcriber for providing report section templates including four report sections templates corresponding to discrete conditions of a patient: current medical condition, a physical examination, diagnosis, treatment plan; said transcriber decodes each encoded indicia into optional text variable segment which are assigned for each discrete recording section.

5. Claims **3-6, 8-16, 18-20, 23-33** are allowed because they are dependent claims of the allowable, independent claims **2, 7, 17, 22**, in that order.

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Conclusion

6. Claims 1-33 are allowed.
7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to examiner Cuong H. Nguyen, whose telephone number is (703) 305-4553. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 7:00 AM-4:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James P. Trammell, can be reached on (703) 305-9768.

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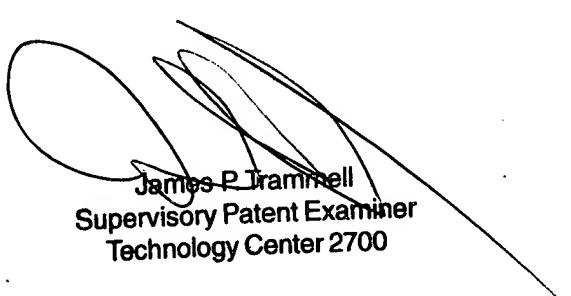
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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-3900.

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May 22, 1999



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